

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF JOANNA
SACCONE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Joanna Saccone, an outstanding New Yorker who has distinguished herself through years of service to New York City and New York State. A respected, highly successful presence in New York politics for over thirty years, Joanna Saccone has worked tirelessly on behalf of the people of New York her entire adult life. Ms. Saccone is known for her indefatigable advocacy, her love of politics and her uncanny political sense.

A lifelong resident of Greenwich Village, Joanna Saccone has been deeply active in the political life of her community and her city. She first became active in politics during her time at the prestigious Maxwell School of Syracuse University in 1969. While earning a degree in International Relations, Ms. Saccone distinguished herself as a leader on campus, organizing her fellow students to protest the war in Vietnam. She cut her political teeth working on the successful Syracuse mayoral campaign of Lee Alexander, the first Democrat to win the mayoralty of Syracuse in fifty years.

Upon graduating in 1972, Ms. Saccone returned home to New York City, and joined the Village Independent Democrats, where she worked under the guidance of District Leader John LoCicero and worked to elect Village politician Ed Koch as Mayor of the City of New York. In 1983, along with Mayor Koch and others, she broke away from the Village Independent Democrats and helped establish the Village Reform Democratic Club, which continues to play an important role in New York City politics today.

In her professional life, Ms. Saccone worked in the New York City Economic Development Administration, focusing primarily on the City's budget and human resources. By 1976, she had transitioned to a position in the office of New York State Assembly Speaker Stanley Steingut. This began a 34-year career as an Assembly staffer, working under four Speakers in a variety of roles. Under Speaker Stanley Fink, she worked with House Operations, where she advised Democratic Assembly members on legislation, staffing, creation of newsletters and pamphlets, and media relations. She also assisted constituents who were having difficulty getting benefits to which they were entitled from State government. Speaker Fink appointed her the first Sexual Harassment Officer for the New York City region, an appointment he reportedly called "the greatest political appointment of his career." Under Speaker Mel Miller, she coordinated the first Employee Assistance Program, which aids employees on matters relating to alcohol and drug abuse and psychological ailments. She has continued her significant involvement in all

aspects of State government under current Speaker Sheldon Silver.

While government may have been her career, Ms. Saccone's passion has been politics. She has made a name for herself as a relentless campaigner, a resourceful networker, and an extraordinary strategist. As a sounding board, an adviser, and as a friend, there are few as adept as Ms. Saccone in navigating the complex path to victory. She has worked on many important city, state, and federal elections, including numerous judicial races. Indeed, few have her track record of success in helping judicial candidates navigate the intricacies of running a judicial race.

Throughout her busy career and political activism, Joanna has been a devoted and dedicated mother to her son, Phillip Anthony Saccone, whom she considers her greatest accomplishment.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the enormous contributions to our civic and political life made by Joanna Saccone, and congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement.

RECOGNIZING NEXTEER
AUTOMOTIVE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the workers, management and owners of Nexteer Automotive as the company transitions to its new partnership with Pacific Century Motors.

In 1906 the machining firm of Jackson, Church, and Wilcox developed a better quality steering gear for Buick Motors and began manufacturing the steering gear in Saginaw that same year. Four years later General Motors purchased Jackson, Church and Wilcox and renamed the company Saginaw Steering Gear Division. Over the years, Saginaw Steering Gear Division became Saginaw County's largest employer as the sole supplier of steering mechanisms to General Motors. The first power steering system, the first energy-absorbing steering column and the first adjustable steering wheel were developed and built by Saginaw Steering Gear Division. Saginaw Steering Gear became the Saginaw Division and later Delphi Saginaw Steering Systems. As Nexteer Automotive they persist in innovation, recently designing QuadraSteer and Active Steering drive train technology. Nexteer Automotive and Pacific Century Motors are starting a "New Beginning" that will allow Nexteer to advance its products in the global marketplace.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the employees and management of Nexteer Automotive for their past achievements and as they embark upon a new international partnership with Pacific Century Motors. I welcome

this collaboration of ideas, diligence and enthusiasm and I hope their success in technological development will continue for many, many years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGE
BALTZER OSBORNE

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. MATHESON. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor an exemplary individual. As a young man, Mr. George Baltzer Osborne of the State of Utah valiantly sacrificed to serve his country during World War II. Born in 1920, we commemorated his 90th birthday on November 7. At this time, I'd like to recognize him and his comrades as members of "The Greatest Generation" and thank them most sincerely for their brave and selfless service.

Mr. Osborne joined the Marines during WWII and began an eventful history in the service as a CB operator. He trained at Camp Pendleton, where he was assigned to the 4th division and stationed in Hawaii. From there, he was sent to Iwo Jima. When his division landed, Mr. Osborne was an integral part of a group of eight Marines whose mission was to find high ground in order to radio ship's bombing orders. During his service, Mr. Osborne consistently put his life on the line. At one point, a grenade was launched into a foxhole he had just evacuated. Fittingly, Mr. Osborne was present on February 23, 1945, when the American flag was raised atop Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima. This timeless symbol represents our country's strength and more personally, Mr. Osborne's dedication.

Even after active military service, Mr. Osborne continued to serve his country. After being discharged, he worked three jobs so his wife could stay home and raise their 12 children. Mr. Osborne spent many years devoted to his work as an administrator at the VA hospital. He loves his family, which has grown to 21 children, 36 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

George Baltzer Osborne's sacrifice, bravery, and service to family, career, and country serve as hallmarks of a noble American life. We recognize him today and express our gratitude for his contributions to this great country, the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO WENDELL L.
SAWYER, SR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay homage to the memory of a much-beloved

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member of South Alabama's business community, Mr. Wendell L. Sawyer, Sr., of Mobile.

Mr. Sawyer passed away on August 29, 2010, at the age of 73 after a battle with leukemia.

America is made great through the contributions of local community leaders, either in business or in public service, who give more than their share to better the lives of their fellow man. Wendell Sawyer was just such a person.

Born in Monroeville, Alabama in 1937, Wendell moved with his parents to Chickasaw in Mobile County where he grew up, graduating from Vigor High School.

A hardworking businessman with a friendly manner and generous spirit, Wendell labored in the retail furniture business for nearly 55 years. He began his career with Sokol Furniture in Pritchard, Alabama. When the business closed in 1970, he established his own store, Sawyer Furniture, which became an icon in the community and the flagship for a chain of five locations in the Mobile area.

Sadly, his Pritchard furniture store was lost to a fire earlier this year. But local residents and customers remembered Wendell as a special kind of businessman; a person who always treated others as best friends. He also helped those in need, returning the kindness that his community had bestowed upon him and his family for more than a half century.

Madam Speaker, Wendell Sawyer was a pillar of our community and his loss will be sorely felt. On behalf of the people of south Alabama, I offer condolences to his children, Wendell "Del" Sawyer, Jr., Dawn Sawyer Cooper, John H. Sawyer, and his grandchildren, Jaclyn Sawyer, Wendell "Trey" L. Sawyer, III, Jacob Cooper, Zachary Sawyer, Cameron Cooper, Rachel Sawyer, Rebecca Sawyer, Kristen Sawyer and Joshua Sawyer, as well as his brothers and sisters, Elaine S. Sanford, Terrill Sawyer, Norville Sawyer, Malcolm Sawyer, and Emily S. Blount. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF DR. ADEWALE TROUTMAN TO
LOUISVILLE

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of a man whose service to my hometown has not just improved our community, but has literally saved lives. Since 2003, Dr. Adewale Troutman has led the Louisville Metro Department of Health and Wellness with an ambition only topped by his achievements. As he moves on from our community to pursue new opportunities, no one can doubt that his work has left our community healthier and stronger.

Locally and nationally, Dr. Troutman's name has become synonymous with the fight to achieve real health equity and better health outcomes for each and every one of our citizens. And, his legacy is visible in every corner of our community.

It's evident at Healthy Start, the Louisville program that has dramatically reduced infant mortality and provided exceptional care to expecting and new mothers under Dr. Trout-

man's watch. It's seen in the cleaner air in our public places, thanks to Dr. Troutman's fight for a public smoking ban. And it's found in his widespread efforts to reduce health disparities and ensure every citizen of Louisville has the opportunity to live a long, fulfilling life. Through that work and so much more, Dr. Troutman has played a critical role in establishing Louisville as a place where the health and well-being of every resident is a top priority.

Every American should aspire to make their community a better place. Along with his wife Denise Vazquez Troutman, and her service at Louisville's Center for Women and Families, the Troutmans have more than exceeded that goal.

We in Louisville will miss Dr. Troutman's service but will continue to benefit from his legacy for years to come. Though he and Denise are leaving our community, the thousands of children and families that now have better opportunities to be healthy and better chances to succeed in life will serve as long-standing reminders of their work.

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognition of the extraordinary work and dedication of Dr. Adewale Troutman to Louisville, Kentucky.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANDY PROZES

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Global CEO of LexisNexis Andy Prozes as he announces his retirement from the company. Andy Prozes has been the global CEO for more than 10 years. During his tenure, Mr. Prozes has transformed LexisNexis into one of the largest, most technologically advanced information solutions companies in the world. Today, LexisNexis serves over one million users daily and has over 17,000 employees in over 100 locations around the world. LexisNexis' global headquarters is located in my district in Manhattan and employs over 800 people.

Mr. Prozes' positive impact on LexisNexis and the people who work there will be felt long after he retires. Mr. Prozes grew LexisNexis from \$1.7 billion in revenue in 2000 to over \$4 billion in 2009. In addition to serving corporate and legal clients, LexisNexis provides important information solutions to federal and state law enforcement agencies in New York and across the country to help them locate missing children, investigate crimes, and track down sex offenders and other criminals.

Protecting children is one of Mr. Prozes' passions. Under Andy Prozes' leadership, LexisNexis has donated information solutions to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to help that organization accomplish its important mission. With the help of information provided by LexisNexis, NCMEC has recovered hundreds of missing children and reunited them with their loved ones.

Mr. Prozes has also been a leader in the battle against human trafficking—particularly with respect to the horrific practice of trafficking young boys and girls as sex slaves. Mr. Prozes is an active supporter of the Somali Mam Foundation, an organization dedicated to

combating human trafficking and assisting children and other victims of this despicable crime. This past October, the Somali Mam Foundation honored Mr. Prozes for his efforts on behalf of those who are unable to fight for themselves. He was also recognized by the Asian Woman's Center in October of 2009, for his leadership on this important issue.

Mr. Prozes has also been a vocal proponent of the Rule of Law and is a recognized leader within his industry for advancing the Rule of Law around the globe. LexisNexis, under Mr. Prozes' leadership, has provided thousands of hours of pro bono work to protect basic human rights and help society flourish through independent judiciaries and fair and equal access to justice for all.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Prozes on his many accomplishments, and thanking him for the tremendous contributions he has made in promoting the Rule of Law and helping to combat human trafficking around the globe.

HONORING SPECIALIST JESSE A.
SNOW

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, while we can never fully express the depth of our appreciation for those who give their lives to protect our freedoms, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Specialist Jesse A. Snow.

A 2003 Fairborn High School graduate and Army service member, Snow was killed while serving this country in Afghanistan on November 14, 2010. He gave his life, along with four other service members, in the defense of our freedoms.

Snow, 25, was full of energy and life. He had a kind spirit and he cared about everyone. He never let an opportunity pass by to make sure those around him were laughing and smiling. He is remembered by many as often telling jokes and expressing his personal care for others.

Snow was content with life but felt a calling to serve. Friends and family remember him as a noble gentleman who always placed others' needs in front of his own. In April of 2009 he joined the U.S. Army, as an infantryman assigned to the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

He served with distinction and his awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal and Combat Infantryman Badge.

Survived by his parents, John W. Snow, Sr., and Janice Snow of Fairborn, and siblings, Snow is remembered as a loving son, brother and uncle. His devotion to his family, friends, fellow service members, and to this nation are honorable. A hard worker and a loyal patriot, he selflessly served this country with bravery and valor.

Thus, it is that I stand on behalf of those constituents of the Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to honor the life and memory of Specialist Jesse A. Snow, a true hero.

HONORING JACOB GEORGE
HUDSON

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, Jacob George Hudson, or Shag as he was known by almost everyone, is one of the most liked and respected men in Greenback, Tennessee, a town in my District. I recently received the sad news that Shag passed away at the age of 93.

He lived a long life full of family, friends, and the respect of everyone who knew him.

He was a very close friend to both me and my late father and one of the strongest supporters we ever had.

Although Shag accomplished much personal success, his devotion to God, family, and Country always came first.

He was a member of Greenback First Presbyterian Church for 62 years and served his congregation in every way possible as an Elder and Deacon. Before his death, Shag asked that people donate to the Greenback First Presbyterian Church Building Fund upon his passing instead of sending flowers. Even in death, he continued to give.

Shag also devoted his life to his community. He served on the Loudon County Commission from 1954–1982. In that capacity, he married more than 3,000 couples. I cannot think of a better way to strengthen the base of a community than with an investment in family, and Shag has been there from the beginning for so many families in Greenback. Shag did not just officiate the ceremonies, but he also served as a living example of commitment through his 69-year marriage to his wife Willie Dixon Hudson.

Many in Greenback also know Shag from his 65 years as a cattle broker and his 60-year membership in the Greenback Masonic lodge.

He is especially proud of the time he spent as a member of the Farm Service Agency State Committee from 1987–1992. In this position, he was able to help farmers all across the State of Tennessee.

Madam Speaker, I would like to call the remarkable life of Shag Hudson to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD and extend my sympathies to his wife Willie, son and daughter-in-law Ronald and Judy Hudson, daughter and son-in-law Brenda and Johnny Powell, five grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and brother Howard. He is greatly missed and fondly remembered by everyone lucky enough to have known him.

IN HONOR OF THE DUTCH KILLS
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to the Dutch Kills Civic Association, a not-for-profit organization that has made significant contributions to the economic and civic life of the community in western Queens that it serves. This month, the Dutch Kills Civic Association is celebrating its 30th Anniversary Fundraiser and Celebration at Riccardo's by the Bridge in Astoria, Queens.

The historic community of Dutch Kills traces its origins back to the original settlers of Queens in the seventeenth century, who were first granted a license to settle the area in 1642. In recognition of that heritage, the Dutch Kills Civic Association adopted a windmill as part of its logo when it was first founded in 1979.

Under the able stewardship of its President, Gerald J. Walsh, and its Executive Director, George Stamatiades, the Dutch Kills Civic Association embraced as its mission the promotion and stimulation of a more active participation in the improving and maintaining of proper services of the community. The Association focuses on maintaining the quality of life and assuring the adequate delivery of municipal government services in the areas such as health, safety, housing, ecology, highways and traffic, sanitation, lighting, education, fire, police protection, youth and senior citizens welfare, planning and zoning development, consumer protection, utilities, fair taxation, and water supply. Its members seek to represent, unite, and mobilize the Dutch Kills community in order to maintain the community as a desirable place in which to live and work.

The Dutch Kills Civic Association made an invaluable contribution to city planning efforts when it commissioned a land use survey and report in March and April of 2005. The Survey included a Visual Field Inspection of land use in the Dutch Kills community, with the results were placed on 37 grid maps that were color coded, graphed and totaled. The survey inspected all structures on streets, avenues and roads in the Dutch Kills community and has provided an invaluable guide to community leaders, residents, and civic planners.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to offer my heartiest congratulations to the Dutch Kills Civic Association as it marks three decades of representing its community in western Queens. I salute the work of the Dutch Kills Civic Association and I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding work of the Association and its members for their many contributions to the civic life of our nation's greatest city.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT
CONTRIBUTIONS OF RON HAYES
TOWARDS ENHANCING WORK-
PLACE SAFETY AND AWARENESS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I am honored to bring to the attention of the House the work of a remarkable American and constituent of mine, Mr. Ron Hayes, of Fairhope, Alabama.

As blessed as we are to be living in America, we would do well to remember that our society continues to be enhanced through the noble efforts of those who tirelessly and passionately pursue a better quality of life for us all. These often unsung heroes seek only the reward of knowing they have transformed our laws and our land for the better.

I rise today to honor one such individual who has spent nearly two decades advocating for the safety of all Americans in the workplace and to provide timely moral support to

the accident victims and their families. His efforts have made a difference.

Ron Hayes began his journey to improve workplace safety in 1993 when he lost his beloved 19-year-old son, Patrick, to a grain silo accident in Florida. Facing tremendous emotional pain, Ron and his wife, Dot, sought details of their son's death as well as survivor's benefits from local, state and federal agencies, only to be met with delays and few answers. After two years of navigating the bureaucracy, they resolved to learn everything they could about workplace safety standards and sought ways to both improve job safety rules and enforcement.

Ron Hayes' dedication resulted in the revision of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's, OSHA, grain handling standards. But this was only the beginning. Ron and his wife founded the Families In Grief Hold Together Project, a non-profit group devoted to assisting families and workers cope with the consequences of workplace accidents and deaths.

Some 10,000 people lose their lives while working each year. Ron Hayes worked with OSHA to create a policy which the agency often uses in communicating with family members after a workplace accident.

Since its founding, the FIGHT Project has reached out to nearly 800 families, providing valuable help in the grieving process, negotiating the red tape and finally, in healing.

Ron Hayes could have stopped there, but his dedication to improving worker safety has motivated him to speak to almost 50,000 workers and taken him to some of the largest companies in the world. He has testified before Congress on numerous occasions and has served as a special advisor to the Senate Labor Committee.

Ron Hayes has been awarded many awards for humanitarian efforts.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of this entire House, I commend Ron Hayes' selfless dedication to worker safety while providing comfort and valuable counsel to families.

In our society it is possible for one person, or in this case a husband and wife, to make a difference that will positively impact the lives of millions. Ron Hayes has shown us that a lone voice for good can not only be heard, but can change society for the better.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol for votes on Monday, November 29, 2010.

However, had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

"Yea" on H.R. 5877 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 655 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, as the "Lance Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building."

"Yea" on H. Res. 771, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Mesothelioma Awareness Day.

HONORING CHARLOTTE NEWFELD

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an important member of the Chicago community, Charlotte Newfeld, who celebrated her 80th birthday on November 26.

Charlotte has long been an outstanding activist in the community since she moved to Chicago in the 1950s. Since then, she has been a marathon runner of community activism, tackling a myriad of important issues.

One such issue is her dedication to equal rights for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community. Among other accomplishments, she helped establish the Chicago Mayor's Committee on Gay and Lesbian Issues and lobbied for the passage of the city's gay-inclusive human rights ordinance. In 1996, she was inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame as a Friend of the Community.

Additionally, Charlotte has been a vocal green advocate and environmentalist. Serving as the project director of the Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, she organizes volunteers to keep the area clean and safe. Due to her steadfast dedication to the eight acres of the sanctuary, she has earned the nickname some have given her, "the Jarvis Earth mother."

Twenty years ago, I saw firsthand the tenacity and dedication with which Charlotte pursued every issue she found important, from LGBT and environmental issues to an organization we founded together: CUBS, or Citizens United for Baseball in Sunshine. The community would be better off if we had more people like her.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Charlotte Newfeld for her years of service and to thank her for 80 great and dedicated years.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE ONORATO, DISTINGUISHED NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Senator George Onorato, a distinguished public servant who will be retiring from the New York State Legislature at the end of the current session. Throughout his career, George Onorato has devoted himself to his country and to public service.

In recognition of his lifetime of service to others, Senator Onorato was honored last month by the Taminent Democratic Club in Astoria, New York. George Onorato has served as the Chair of its Board of Directors since 1972, and this year is marking his sixth decade as an active Club member. As its Male District Leader, he has helped ensure the Taminent Club's premier status as one of the largest and most active Democratic political clubs in all of Queens County. He is a lifelong resident of the western Queens commu-

nity that he has served as an elected official with distinction for more than a quarter century.

A compassionate, dedicated public servant, Senator Onorato is deservedly respected by colleagues on both sides of the aisle in both chambers of the New York State Legislature. Since first being elected to represent the people of his beloved Queens in the New York State Senate in 1983, he has successfully sponsored legislation to preserve and improve the quality of life for consumers, tenants, the environment, members and fellow veterans of the U.S. armed forces, and the elderly, including hundreds of thousands of Medicare patients. He has served in the Senate leadership since 1992, currently holding the position of Assistant Majority Leader and the Senate Majority's Liaison to the Executive Branch. Drawing on the keen understanding of the needs of working men and women that he developed while serving for a decade and a half as Secretary/Treasurer of Bricklayer's Local #41, George Onorato is Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Labor. He has also been a champion of the environment and in particular on issues involving air quality and on waterfront development. He has also been a passionate and effective advocate for providing more affordable housing for the elderly and for moderate and low income New Yorkers. He is a past President of the Conference of Italian American Legislators.

In addition to his long and distinguished tenure as a New York State Senator, George Onorato served heroically in our nation's armed forces. He earned a Presidential Citation for his service in the United States Army, 118th Medical Battalion from 1950 to 1952. Steadfast in his devotion to his fellow veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces, he sponsored legislation providing student aid to Vietnam veterans, and in 1997 introduced a measure to increase the level of such funding. He sponsored and supported legislation to help develop a database for research on dioxin-related birth defects of children born to Vietnam veterans. And in 2003, Senator Onorato helped found the bipartisan New York State Armed Forces Legislative Caucus.

In addition to his dedicated public service, George Onorato is deeply devoted to his family and his faith. He is married to the former Athena Georgakakos. They have three adult children, Joanne, George and Janice, and six grandchildren. His wife regularly accompanies him to legislative sessions in Albany, where the two of them are a universally admired and inseparable couple.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of his courageous wartime service to our country in the United States Army, to the people of the State of New York, and to his beloved family, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me to pay tribute to the enormous contributions to civic life made by the Honorable George Onorato.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN "JACK" HENRY FRIEND, JR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Jack Friend, a respected Mobile

businessman, historian and author who recently passed away at the age of 81.

A consummate scholar, a lover of military traditions and the foremost authority on the Civil War history of Mobile Bay, Jack Friend was passionate about Mobile and its past.

A native of Mobile, Jack Friend was a graduate of McGill Institute, the Virginia Military Institute, and the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

Jack proudly served in the U.S. Army as a 1st Lieutenant and tank company commander in Korea. His deep reverence for military service and his country were an important part of Jack's life.

After his military service, he founded a market research company in Mobile which he headed for some 25 years.

Jack made his mark as a local military historian. In 2004, he wrote the definitive work on the Civil War history of Mobile Bay—"West Wind, Flood Tide: The Battle of Mobile Bay."

Jack was also a lover of the outdoors, sports fishing and local wildlife and was a member of many civic and historic organizations in Baldwin and Mobile counties.

I wish to extend my condolences to Jack's family for their loss: his wife, Venetia Friend; his sons, John Friend and Danner Friend; and his sister, Emily Bayle; and five grandchildren. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. DONALD WILLIAMS, SR.

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to join with students, parents, friends and staff of Mr. Donald Williams, Sr., to pay tribute to him as he steps back from his intense community involvement including his work with the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center. I have had the privilege of working on many civic and community activities with Don throughout the years, and am delighted to honor him today.

Don Williams, Sr. received his Bachelor's degree in special education at Eastern Michigan University and went on to receive a Master's degree in educational administration from West Virginia University. Assuming responsibility for the administration of special colleges at Rutgers University was the beginning of Don's career, which has spanned over 30 years of experience in the administration of special programs with special emphasis and political sensitivity.

Throughout his career, Don has received widespread recognition for his considerable talent in assisting minority students. In 1980, his devotion to improving opportunities for minority youth led him to Grand Rapids, when he was approached by a group of educators and professionals working to create a residential training center for youth. This position led Don to be named Director of the Minority Business Education Center at the prestigious F.E. Seidman School of Business at Grand Valley State University. In 1989, he was named GVSU Dean of Minority Affairs/Multicultural Center. During his service at GVSU, Don coordinated and developed programs to assist minority students on campus, and created a

very visible and dynamic outreach to other community organizations and activities, including development of the Minority Teacher Education Center and Minority Science Education Center. For the past several years, Don has devoted his time and talents to the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center, an organization that provides quality job training and education so students can become equipped with the skills and self-discipline necessary for success in today's workforce.

Don has been recognized by the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce as Minority Advocate of the Year, has received the coveted Liberty Bell award from the Grand Rapids Bar Association, and was named the Walter E. Coe Giant for Outstanding Community Service in 1991. In 2008, he received special recognition from the Grand Rapids community by being named their "Giant Among Giants."

When Don received the Giants award, I wrote him that his life is notable because of his commitment to ending racial inequities and mentoring the next generation. Through his strong convictions, Don has demonstrated to others that lives can be transformed. He has a unique and wonderful willingness to be outspoken when he senses an injustice. Many of us have been influenced by Don's unwavering principles but, along the way, he has never lost his perspective or his great sense of humor.

Having the chance to impact students in a very positive way lured Don to our community, and with his vision of hope, he has mightily impacted not just our youth, but all of us as well. May his love for community, students and a brighter future through education never end!

RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE OF "TEAM TRAVIS"

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the enormous contributions of those serving our country at Travis Air Force Base in my home state of California. The 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing, the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, and the 615th Contingency Response Wing, as well as the civilians and families serving at Travis have truly served our community and our Nation with the utmost dignity, honor and courage, and they truly deserve all of our respect.

The members of "Team Travis" have gone above and beyond the call of duty in serving our Nation in missions around the globe. The active duty members and civilians who serve out of Travis have flown hundreds of thousands of hours in a number of military conflicts, as well as humanitarian and peace-keeping missions. Most recently, Team Travis provided search and rescue personnel, medical experts and supplies, and 82,600 pounds of cargo in support of the relief mission following the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

As a congressman representing much of Solano County, California, many members of Team Travis are my constituents, and I can

personally attest that these honorable men and women serve our community with just as much energy and dedication as they do our country. I have seen them volunteering, participating in the community, serving as positive role models for our young people, and so much more.

I am proud to be a lead co-sponsor of this resolution honoring the men and women serving at Travis Air Force Base and I would like to thank my friend and colleague, Representative GARAMENDI, for introducing it. Once again, my deepest thanks to the men and women of Team Travis and I ask that all of my colleagues join me in supporting this important resolution.

IN HONOR OF PAMELA HANLON

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Pamela Hanlon. Ms. Hanlon has devoted herself to others and to her beloved community of Turtle Bay on Manhattan's East Side. This month, her efforts are being honored by the Turtle Bay Association at its annual meeting.

A longtime journalist and public relations professional, Ms. Hanlon has lived in Turtle Bay with her husband, Charles Hanley, since 1976. She began her career as a journalist with the Associated Press, and eventually moved to the field of corporate communications, where she rose to become Vice President for Public Relations at American Express. She has also dedicated herself to the betterment of the community throughout that time, serving on the Board of Directors of the Turtle Bay Association and as Editor of its newsletter, the Turtle Bay News. Ms. Hanlon authored a handsome volume about the postwar history of the famed neighborhood. Her book, Manhattan's Turtle Bay: Story of A Midtown Neighborhood, offers an incisive, engaging look at the charming enclave to which she has been so devoted.

The Turtle Bay neighborhood is one of the most storied in our nation's greatest city, dating back to 1639, when the Dutch rulers of Manhattan Island granted two English settlers a land grant. Turtle Bay's natural beauty was noted by famous Americans from Horace Greeley to Edgar Allan Poe. Today, as the home to the United Nations, Turtle Bay is a fitting symbol of New York City's status as the capital of the world. Famous Turtle Bay residents have included Katherine Hepburn, Walter Cronkite, Kurt Vonnegut, Dorothy Thompson, Derek Jeter, and the brilliant Broadway composer Stephen Sondheim.

For more than half a century, the dedicated members of the Turtle Bay Association have served as passionate and conscientious stewards of one of Manhattan's most celebrated and historic neighborhoods. Its members have conserved their area's low-rise architectural cohesiveness and esthetic beauty by successfully fighting for rezoning efforts. They have also undertaken numerous neighborhood beautification initiatives, and, thanks in large part to Ms. Hanlon's tireless efforts, have kept Association members informed through the publication of regular newsletters.

Madam Speaker, I request that my distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Pamela Hanlon, a great New Yorker and a great American, for her devotion and service to the Turtle Bay community and for her contributions to the civic life of our nation's greatest city.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, at the end of the 111th Congress, our distinguished colleague from Hanahan, South Carolina, the Honorable HENRY E. BROWN, JR., will retire from this institution. Congressman HENRY BROWN has served the people of the 1st Congressional District, those living in South Carolina, and this nation with the highest distinction for the past twenty nine years.

His distinguished career in public service began on the Hanahan Planning Commission and City Council in 1981. Four years later, he was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives and he became the first Republican Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. In that capacity, just like President Ronald Reagan, he successfully led the fight for the largest tax cut in the history of the state. It has been his consistent view that the hardworking men and women of South Carolina deserve to keep more of their hard earned money and not the government.

After serving fifteen years in the South Carolina legislature, HENRY BROWN was overwhelmingly elected by the voters of the 1st Congressional District and for the past decade has served on the House Committees on Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure and Veterans' Affairs. He has also served as the Co-Chairman of the Coastal Caucus, Congressional Friends of Canada Caucus, Congressional Shellfish Caucus and the Port Security Caucus.

For the past two Congresses, he has served as the Ranking Republican on the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife. By working in a bipartisan manner with the Chairwoman of that Subcommittee, the Honorable MADELINE Z. BORDALLO of Guam, HENRY BROWN was successful in having at least two of his legislative proposals enacted into law. These include H.R. 3891, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Act Amendments of 2008 and H.R. 1454, the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2010. Congressman BROWN remains hopeful that prior to adjournment this year, the Senate will adopt his bill, H.R. 509, the Marine Turtle Conservation Reauthorization Act which passed the House of Representatives last year.

While these represent just a few of the legislative proposals he has championed, his tireless dedication and leadership in sponsoring H.R. 1454 is an excellent example of why the people of the 1st Congressional District in South Carolina have come to know their Representative as a "workhorse" and not a "show horse".

Let me spend just a few minutes talking about H.R. 1454. This is a remarkable bill,

which I was pleased to co-sponsor. At a time of record federal deficits, this proposal will raise a significant amount of money to save some of the most beloved and endangered iconic wildlife species on this planet without spending a single dime of taxpayer money. In addition, while the 111th Congress will be remembered for its highly partisan environment, this bill was co-sponsored by 86 Democrats and 68 Republicans. Even more remarkable, it has been endorsed by more than 40 different organizations including the Humane Society of the United States and Safari Club International, two groups that do not agree on many issues.

Under this simple but innovative approach, the American people will be given the opportunity to voluntarily purchase U.S. postal stamps and certain proceeds from their sale will assist in saving African and Asian elephants, rhinoceros, tigers, Great Apes and marine turtles for future generations. This legislation is a tribute to Congressman BROWN's perseverance and leadership.

During his distinguished career in public service, the hard work of Congressman HENRY BROWN has not gone unnoticed. In fact, among the awards he has received are the College of Charleston's Founders Medal in 2005, the National Republican Legislator of the Year Award, the South Carolina Association of Realtors Legislator of the Year, the South Carolina Taxpayers Watchdog Award and the Order of the Palmetto in 2000. This award is the highest honor a civilian can receive from the State of South Carolina.

Madam Speaker, at the end of this year, this outstanding representative of the people of the 1st Congressional District will return to his beloved farm in Berkeley County, South Carolina. I wish him and his entire family the very best in the future.

HONORING JUAN ANTONIO "CHI CHI" RODRIGUEZ

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Juan Antonio "Chi Chi" Rodriguez for the remarkable work he has done to improve the lives of so many at-risk youth. The same dedication and determination he displayed on the golf course is now readily apparent in his community service through youth programs.

While visiting a juvenile detention center in Florida, Mr. Rodriguez realized a better way to help at risk children succeed. Through discipline and responsibility on the golf course, instructors work with youth to build self-esteem, character, work ethic, social adjustment, and academic performance.

To realize his goals of helping to advance children both intellectually and morally, Mr. Rodriguez has been instrumental in raising over \$4 million for his youth foundation, which supports his Academy. I am honored that that Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy is in my Congressional District.

In addition to the 600 children that benefit annually from the inspiration of his programs on the golf course, Mr. Rodriguez has been able to provide more than 430 scholarships over

the past three years to help Latino youth attend institutions of higher education.

Mr. Rodriguez's dedication to improving the lives of children is truly inspirational. He has expanded his personal successes into youth programs based in love and respect and has laid a foundation in which pupils build confidence, learn discipline, and gain positive educational experiences.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to speak of the contributions stemming from Mr. Rodriguez's vision not just in my community, but throughout the nation, and I strongly encourage passage of H. Res. 1430.

TRIBUTE TO WILBUR PILLMAN, JR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the memory of a beloved citizen of Mobile, Alabama and denizen of the arts who passed away October 15, 2010.

Wilbur Pillman was a graduate of McGill Institute and served with the U.S. Navy, Pacific Theatre, during World War II. He was a talented artist, dancer and director, appearing in many musical productions of the Mobile Catholic Theatre Guild later the Mobile Theatre Guild. He was president of the First Theatre of the Deep South in Prichard, took part in Mobile Optimist Club's annual minstrel, and served in many church, civic and social organizations as performer and director.

Wilbur formed and directed the Phi Gamma Chi High School Sorority annual "Follies" for many years, and directed and performed in the Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority's annual "Minstrel". He directed and performed in the American Business Women's yearly "Riverboat Follies" as well as the Insurance Women's annual show for "Boss Wright". He co-directed and performed in the annual Epsilon Chapter, and the Phi Delta Kappa Business Men's Fraternity show for the March of Dimes.

Wilbur also served as guest artist, director and performer for many local conventions, the Convent of Mercy's annual "Soiree", as well as the Shriner's annual charity benefit shows. Mr. Pillman had the lead in three local productions of "The Music Man" as well as starring as "George M".

He also lent his talents to many of Mobile's Mardi Gras Mystic Societies where he designed costumes, wrote tableaux, narrated the balls, choreographed the skits, and often performed to open some of the balls. Through the University of South Alabama he spoke for many years to the visiting "Snowbirds" on the history and background of Mardi Gras and its activities, often appearing in a colorful costume. He was a regular volunteer at the Mobile Carnival Museum as a docent from its beginning.

As a member of his beloved Mystic Strippers Society since 1955, he was knighted into the Royal Order of Strippers in 2000, being the third recipient of this honor. In 2008, upon the celebration of his 50th year as the society's official Court Jester, Wilbur was honored by the Strippers when the theme of their annual parade and ball was based around the Court Jester, and he also served as Grand Marshall

for two of Mobile's women's Mystic Organizations parades.

Wilbur was an icon of the Mobile area performing arts and especially Mardi Gras, and his absence will be deeply felt across our community.

On behalf of the people of Mobile, I offer my condolences to his sister, Miss Alilee Pillman; his grandchildren, Elizabeth, Michael, Joseph, Mary Grace, Sarah and Emma Rose Kennedy, Christina, Jennifer, and Theresa Cranford, Claire, Sophie, and Dane Arden, and Aubrey River Gewehr and his many many friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. MURRAY ITZKOWITZ

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege to pay tribute to Dr. Murray Itzkowitz, who is receiving the 2010 Adaptive Design Association Lifetime Achievement Award. His leadership, advocacy and contributions to children with disabilities and his work on behalf of the mental health rehabilitation community have enhanced the lives of countless individuals throughout my district and the greater New York City area.

Dr. Itzkowitz joined the board of directors of the Adaptive Design Association (ADA) in 2005. The ADA's mission is to "engage families, schools, and communities in the process of designing and building responsible, child-specific, adaptive equipment."

As a board member, Dr. Itzkowitz played a pivotal role in the relocation of the ADA's workshop and training center to a more appropriate space in Midtown Manhattan. Dr. Itzkowitz recognized that the organization's small space on Riverside Drive was limiting its ability to fulfill its mission and urged the organization to move to a larger and more central location. His passion for the organization is contagious and has led to the recruitment of new board members and relationships that continue to allow the organization to grow. In April 2010 Dr. Itzkowitz was recognized for his exceptional drive and dedication by being elected Vice Chair of the Board.

Dr. Itzkowitz has been a tireless advocate and visionary for vulnerable populations. In 1954 he was one of the founding members of The Bridge Inc. (The Bridge) a non-profit organization at the forefront of mental health and rehabilitative services. He became the first full time Executive Director of The Bridge in 1969 and retired in 2000. Under Dr. Itzkowitz's direction, The Bridge has matured from a small, self-help group to an award-winning and nationally recognized organization that annually serves more than 1,500 adults.

During his tenure as Executive Director, Dr. Itzkowitz nurtured The Bridge's comprehensive and pioneering approach to treatment. With his support and guidance The Bridge developed programs that could meet the growing needs of its clients. In the 1970s, Dr. Itzkowitz identified the need for supervised residences and expanded The Bridge's services to include housing. Under his leadership, The Bridge developed properties throughout New York City and today houses 902 adults, many

of whom suffer from not only mental health issues but also homelessness, substance abuse disorders, and HIV/AIDS—a notable increase from the first residency they established in 1979 which housed only 20 clients.

Dr. Itzkowitz was also instrumental in creating The Bridge's Vocational and Job Training Services, a key element of rehabilitation that had long been neglected. Building on Dr. Itzkowitz's responsive approach to treatment; today, The Bridge offers mental health and substance abuse treatment, housing, vocational training, and job placement, healthcare, education and creative arts therapies. All of these afford countless clients help, hope, and opportunities to enjoy healthier and more fulfilling lives.

In addition to his long history of commitment to and achievement within the social services field, Dr. Itzkowitz has been a devoted husband to his wife, Phyllis, and father to his sons, David and Jake. Jake continues his father's legacy of service as Chief of Staff for New York City Councilwoman Margaret Chin.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Dr. Murray Itzkowitz on his much deserved 2010 Adaptive Design Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH—GET SEIZURE SMART!

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today and join the Epilepsy Foundation in calling for Americans to Get Seizure Smart! this November as part of National Epilepsy Awareness Month. More than three million American families are affected by epilepsy—over 60,000 Missourians have been diagnosed with epilepsy or reoccurring seizures.

Epilepsy Foundation staff and volunteers are distributing the Get Seizure Smart! Quiz across the country this month to raise awareness. By taking the online quiz at www.GetSeizureSmart.org, Americans can learn about the condition and how to treat it.

Epilepsy awareness is critically important for public servants. Because first responders are often called when someone is having a seizure, it's critical they have good information on which to act.

I commend the Epilepsy Foundation for their 40-year campaign to raise awareness and reduce the stigma associated with this condition. I encourage my colleagues to learn more about epilepsy and to connect with the Epilepsy Foundation in their community.

HONORING KEVIN RIDLEY

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kevin Ridley on the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of service to our Nation and his community.

While I have no doubt Kevin has many new exciting chapters left to write in his life, I take this moment to commemorate his achievements of the last 4 decades.

Kevin Ridley is the son of an Air Force colonel and learned early in life the meaning of commitment to country and family. Following in his father's footsteps, Kevin enlisted in the Air Force in late 1968, after graduating high school in Tokyo, Japan.

Trained as a weapons loader for A-7 and F-100 jet fighters, Kevin was stationed at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona for 2 years before doing a tour of duty during the Vietnam War. While in Vietnam during 1971 and into 1972, he saw time in both Saigon and Da Nang.

Following his honorable discharge from the Air Force later in 1972, Kevin continued to serve our Nation as a member of the National Guard, compiling a remarkable 26 years of military service. In the National Guard, he served as a full-time civilian weapons technician and was stationed for 17 years at Otis Air Force Base in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

I know that while Kevin Ridley possesses a fierce determination to excel, he is also a humble man, much like many of our Nation's military personnel. He would never seek to tout his own accomplishments. However, I am proud to tell you that Kevin consistently stood out during his military service, accumulating 15 decorations and awards during the Vietnam War and in his time with the Air Force Reserve and National Guard.

Beginning in 1989, and continuing through his retirement in December of this year, Kevin has worked for the Department of Defense's Defense Contract Administration Services as a plant representative with Raytheon Corporation in Massachusetts. In that capacity, he has continued his service to military defense efforts and his deep commitment to the security of the United States. While with the Defense Contract Administration Services, he has contributed his expertise to over 30 defense programs. He also worked on a program near and dear to the State of Florida—NASA's Space Station modules program.

Most importantly, Kevin is a dedicated family man. He is a loving spouse to Andrea Ridley and father of two wonderful children. Andrea is an 8th grade math teacher at Franklin Middle School, his daughter Alexandra is currently a freshmen at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida, and his son Phillip is a sophomore in high school in Medfield, Massachusetts.

I'm sure that his friends and family would agree that his record of excellence, bravery, and dedication is a living testament to a life well lived, and proof that the American dream is alive and well.

I offer my deepest gratitude to Kevin Ridley for his contributions to the fabric of this nation and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Congratulations, Kevin.

IN HONOR OF THE EAST RIVER DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to the East River Develop-

ment Alliance, a not-for-profit organization that has made extraordinary contributions to the economic and civic life of the residents of underserved communities in western Queens. This month, the East River Development Alliance (ERDA) is celebrating its Sixth Anniversary Fundraiser and Celebration at the Ace Hotel in Manhattan.

Under the able stewardship of the Bishop Mitchell Taylor, the East River Development Alliance helps residents of New York City Housing Authority complexes and other New Yorkers with limited income achieve economic security and self-empowerment through employment, financial counseling and education, college access and community revitalization initiatives. ERDA has developed a range of programs to help the more than 20,000 residents of public housing in its catchment area to achieve economic stability and mobility, and ensure that these neighborhoods have access to critical goods and services.

In the last year alone, the Alliance opened the ERDA Federal Credit Union—the first new credit union chartered in New York City in a decade; helped more than 150 low-income New Yorkers find good jobs. As New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg noted in his State of the City Address earlier this year, a big impact can be achieved by “credit unions serving public housing residents, like the one Bishop Taylor is opening in Long Island City this spring,” going on to praise him as “one banker who truly is doing God's work.” ERDA has also helped more than 500 individuals build savings and reduce debt, is sending a cohort of high school seniors to college—nearly all of whom are the first in their families to obtain a higher education.

At its Sixth Anniversary Event, the East River Development Alliance is honoring three noteworthy community leaders: Matthew Bishop, American Business Editor and New York Bureau Chief of The Economist magazine and the author of Philanthrocapitalism; John Rhea, Chairman of the New York City Housing Authority; and Diana Taylor, Managing Director of the Wolfensohn & Company, LLC and former New York State Superintendent of Banking in the administration of Governor George Pataki. All are being honored for their outstanding efforts to improve the lives of their fellow New Yorkers and the economic vitality of our communities.

Congratulations to Bishop Taylor and the East River Development Alliance on another successful year in pursuing its vital mission of ensuring public housing communities are neighborhoods of great opportunities. Madam Speaker, I salute the work of the East River Development Alliance and I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding work of ERDA and its 2010 honorees for their many contributions to the civic and spiritual life of our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO AUSTAL USA CEO BOB BROWNING

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding record of outgoing Austal USA Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Bob

Browning. During his tenure, Mr. Browning helped to transform the face of Mobile's industrial waterfront and secure the long-term return of Navy shipbuilding to Alabama's port city.

On November 16, Bob Browning officially stepped down as CEO for Austal USA shipbuilding in Mobile to pursue a new business opportunity. He has held Austal USA's top position for the last 2 years after joining the company in 2007.

Bob arrived at Austal as it was establishing itself as a force to be reckoned with in building quality, high-speed ships. For the last decade Austal has been expanding its footprint along the Mobile River and Bob played a significant role in making Mobile home to the largest aluminum shipyard in the world.

Bob guided the growth of Austal's high-speed military shipbuilding program by preparing it to successfully compete in major military contracts. In 2008, Austal secured a coveted \$1.6 billion contract to build joint high-speed vessels, JHSV, for the U.S. Army and Navy. The program is continuing with Austal on track to build the fourth and fifth vessels.

Bob has also well positioned Austal to successfully compete for a \$5 billion U.S. Navy contract to produce ten littoral combat ships. Austal and partner General Dynamics were awarded a contract in 2005 to construct their first LCS, the USS *Independence*, which was commissioned in January 2010.

Under Bob's leadership, Austal has since become the leader in the contract to build the full 10-ship Navy LCS fleet. The Navy is expected to make a decision by the end of the year. The award would mean a doubling of Austal's local workforce of 1,800 employees.

As Bob and his family transition to new challenges, I wish to convey the appreciation of Alabama's coastal community for a job well done. His leadership and his dedication to our local workforce have made our region stronger.

HONORING DANIEL JOHNSON

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and sacrifice of Senior Airman Daniel Johnson. Daniel was killed by an improvised explosive device last month in Kandahar, Afghanistan. He was just 23 years old.

Daniel spent much of his childhood in Minnesota and Wisconsin before moving to Schiller Park, Illinois to live with his grandmother. Family members remember fondly Daniel's lifelong dream to fight for his country and the pride he felt when he put on his uniform. In Afghanistan he disarmed dangerous bombs, continuously risking his life to protect others.

His commitment to service extended beyond the battlefield. Daniel attended Triton College with the admirable goal of one day working as an emergency medical technician. Today, I offer my deepest condolences to all of those who had the privilege to know such a selfless and giving young man.

I join with them in mourning the loss of this brave airman and exemplary American. On behalf of the United States Congress and the 5th district of Illinois I thank him for his cour-

age. To his family, friends, and loved ones: Daniel's country will never forget his service.

IN HONOR OF THE HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to the HealthCare Chaplaincy, a nonprofit multi-faith healthcare organization that is devoted to serving the spiritual needs of patients seeking palliative care and their families. This month, the Chaplaincy hosts its annual "Wholeness of Life" Awards Dinner in Manhattan.

Founded in 1961 by a syndicate of churches, the HealthCare Chaplaincy has served nearly 5 million people, relieving medical suffering and improving the quality of life of countless grateful clients and their families. Over the course of those five decades, the HealthCare Chaplaincy has sought tirelessly to expand palliative care by improving its accessibility, affordability, and quality, and by training qualified chaplains for hospital ministry. As the largest clinical pastoral education and research center of its kind in the United States, the HealthCare Chaplaincy has become an integral part of the medical community, caring for both residential and non-residential patients with serious progressive illnesses and helping to reduce the severity of disease symptoms.

The HealthCare Chaplaincy is hosting its 23rd Wholeness of Life Awards Dinner this month to celebrate its 50th Anniversary. I also wish to congratulate this year's most worthy honorees: the Chairmen of the Board of Trustees, as well as doctors and nurses who excelled at patient care in the palliative medical field.

The HealthCare Chaplaincy's remarkable achievements would not be possible without its President and Chief Executive Officer, the Reverend Dr. Walter J. Smith, and Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Claire Haaga-Altman. A specialist in end-of life palliative care, the Rev. Dr. Walter Smith has served at the HealthCare Chaplaincy for nearly two decades. Ms. Haaga-Altman has served in the non-profit sector for more than 30 years, helping to develop New York City's Access-a-Ride program and fostering and facilitating the growth of the multi-faith palliative medical field. At the Chaplaincy, she is overseeing an innovative and critically needed assisted living program.

Madam Speaker, I salute the work of HealthCare Chaplaincy and I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding work of the HealthCare Chaplaincy and its 2010 honorees for their many contributions to the civic and spiritual life of our Nation.

HONORING ELAINE ROTH FOR HER 42 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elaine Roth, former District Manager of the Social Security Administration field office in Melville, NY, who will be retiring later this year. Her 42-year career with Social Security is a testament to Ms. Roth's dedication to public service.

Ms. Roth's career with Social Security began in 1968 when she was hired as a Claims Representative in Brooklyn, NY. Between then and 1980 she was promoted multiple times and served as Branch Manager of the field offices in Kings Plaza (Brooklyn), Riverhead (Long Island), and Flushing (Queens). She was then promoted to District Manager of the field office in Melville in 1998, a position she held until 2004 when she was asked to join Social Security's National Medicare Planning Task Force.

Throughout her four decades with Social Security, Ms. Roth's many accomplishments have been recognized with various awards. Most notably, she received a Deputy Commissioner's Citation (August 2007 and October 2005), a Component Head's Citation (August 2006), and the Commissioner's Citation—Social Security's highest honor—in September 2005 and three times previously.

Ms. Roth and her husband are long-time residents of Long Island and she will be entering her well-earned retirement as a loving mother of two and a devoted grandmother of one. I thank her for her service to the Second District of New York and wish her all the best in the future.

HONORING ETHAN J. SMITH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ethan J. Smith. Ethan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 332, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ethan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ethan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ethan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Ethan painted and renovated the Pink Hill Park playground prior to that park hosting the Wall That Heals traveling Vietnam War Memorial exhibit.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ethan J. Smith for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
BRIAN MARSDEN

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Madam Speaker, Dr. Brian Marsden directed the Minor Planet Center, MPC, at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Massachusetts for nearly 30 years, where he kept track of the thousands of daily asteroid and comet observations from around the world. The responsibility of keeping track of these near-Earth objects, and potentially the fate of all humanity, could not have been in better hands than those of this capable, conscientious scientist.

Dr. Marsden became interested in astrophysics at the early age of five, when his mother displayed to him that method by which eclipses could be predicted in advance. His teen years were spent calculating forecasts of astronomical phenomena—long before modern computers or even calculators were available. By the time he was an undergraduate student, he had achieved an international reputation for the accuracy of his predictions of comets and for a number of new discoveries.

One of the most outstanding examples of his predictive prowess can be seen in his calculation of the return of comet Swift-Tuttle. The scientific consensus was that the comet would return in 1981, almost 120 years after it was last seen, but Dr. Marsden analyzed the available data and projected correctly that it would not return to the inner solar system until late 1992, over a decade later than previously expected. Swift-Tuttle has the longest period of any comet whose return has been successfully predicted.

Dr. Brian Marsden passed away on November 18, 2010. His soaring accomplishments have made this planet a safer place, and his legacy will live on for centuries.

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER
LORENZO "PETE" CASALEGNO

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication, public service and patriotism of U.S. Navy Commander "Pete" Casalegno for 30 years of distinguished service to our nation, both with the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Air Force.

Commander Casalegno's military service began in 1965 when he enlisted in the Air Force and served as a weather observer and forecaster. A veteran of the Vietnam War, he served as a member of the combat weather team at Tan Son Nhut, Vietnam, from December 1967 to December 1968.

Upon graduation from the University of San Francisco, Commander Casalegno was commissioned and subsequently designated as a naval flight officer. After completion of advanced training in the E-2 Hawkeye aircraft, Commander Casalegno was assigned to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 114 and completed two overseas deployments onboard the USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV-63) and the USS

Coral Sea (CV-43). During this assignment, Commander Casalegno completed arduous qualifications as Officer of the Deck and Tactical Action Officer.

After graduating from the United States Postgraduate School in 1981 with a Master of Science in Systems Engineering, Commander Casalegno was assigned to the staff of the Cruiser Destroyer Group Three as Assistant Air Operations and Electronic Warfare Officer. Involved in frequent deployments to both the Western Pacific and Southwest Asia, Commander Casalegno participated in military operations following the fall of the Shah of Iran and numerous humanitarian operations.

In 1985, Commander Casalegno reported to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 116 where he served as Operations Officer and Maintenance Officer during deployments to the Western Pacific and Southwest Asia. Commander Casalegno was involved in operations which included escorting U.S. merchant ships through the Straits of Hormuz and retributive strikes on Iranian oil facilities.

Following the tour, Commander Casalegno was assigned to the staff of Commander Allied Forces Southern Europe in Naples, Italy. As a staff officer, he was involved in numerous North American Treaty Organization operations, including support of allied forces during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In 1990, Commander Casalegno was assigned as the United States Navy Exchange Officer to the Royal Navy's Maritime Tactical School in Portsmouth, England, where he trained senior allied officials in the employment of naval forces. In 1994, Commander Casalegno returned to the United States to serve at the Navy's Tactical Training Group, Atlantic Fleet, as the air defense instructor.

Commander Casalegno, his wife Marla, his daughter Julie, and his sons Cory and Phillip are stalwart Americans who have made enormous sacrifices over the last 30 years. Commander Casalegno has honorably and faithfully upheld the nation's special trust and confidence conveyed through his military commission. In every way, he has upheld his oath of office with true faith and allegiance. It is with the greatest sense of respect and appreciation that I stand today in recognition of Commander Casalegno and, along with the rest of my colleagues, wish him all the best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE F.P. "SKIPPY" WHITE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise to inform the House of the passing of long-time South Alabama State Representative F.P. "Skippy" White. Representative White died on October 21, 2010, after an extended illness at age 69.

Skippy was the epitome of a public servant. He served with distinction in the Alabama House of Representatives for three decades, proudly representing the people of Baldwin and Escambia counties from 1982 to 2006.

He began his career in public service as a firefighter and later councilman for his beloved

hometown of Pollard, Alabama where he held office for seven years. In 1982, he was elected as a Democrat to the Alabama House of Representatives and served in that capacity for 24 years. In fact, he was the longest serving legislator from Escambia County.

During his career in the Alabama State Legislature, Representative White worked tirelessly on behalf of south Alabama. He was distinguished as an outstanding legislator and served on the House Rules Committee and the Joint Transportation Committee. He is credited with improving the roads and bridges in his district where he took a great personal interest.

On behalf of the people of south Alabama, I extend deepest sympathy to his lovely wife, Clara; their wonderful children, Todd, Hugh, and Sarah Anne; and his family and many friends.

Representative Skippy White was much loved and respected by his constituents for his tireless dedication to Baldwin and Escambia counties. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

HONORING HANK DAVID GAMEL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Hank David Gamel. Hank is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1494, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Hank has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Hank has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Hank has earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Hank has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Hank designed and constructed a sign for the entrance of the Church of the Annunciation in Kearney, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Hank David Gamel for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING JAMES J. BOLLICH
AS 2010 AMERICAN LEGION POST
241 LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Sergeant James J. Bollich who was recently named Legionnaire of the Year by American Legion Post 241 in Lafayette, Louisiana. Sergeant Bollich served this Nation with honor and distinction, and has lived an exemplary American life worthy of approbation.

Sergeant Bollich was born in the small farm community of Mowata and attended college at

Southwestern Louisiana Institute, now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. His time there was cut short, as in 1940 he joined the Army Air Corps at Barksdale Field in Shreveport, and participated in the Louisiana Maneuvers in 1941. His squadron was sent overseas, where he fought for the defense of the Philippines.

Serving as an infantryman during the Battle of Bataan, Bollich was captured by the Japanese and was forced to participate in the Bataan Death March as a prisoner of war. Despite the cruelty endured at the hands of his captors, and the thousands of deaths of his fellow servicemen he witnessed, Bollich bravely persevered and survived. He ultimately spent three and a half years at the Japanese POW camp in San Fernando before he and his fellow survivors were freed by the Russian Army in 1945.

After his harrowing ordeal, he returned to the United States and returned to college. Upon graduating, he worked as a subsurface petroleum geologist until his retirement. He has written several books, including "A Soldier's Story" which told his story of his time as a prisoner of war. For his courage in the face of unimaginable hardship, he received several commendations and medals, including the Bronze Star, the Victory Medal, and the POW medal. In addition to this, he was recently inducted to the Louisiana Veterans Hall of Honor. He has sacrificed much for his country, and should serve as an example and a reminder of true patriotism to this Nation.

It goes without saying that Sergeant James J. Bollich is very deserving of the honor of being named American Legion Post 241's Legionnaire of the Year. His story is one of bravery and dedication, and I am honored to serve as his member of Congress. He is part of our "Greatest Generation" and my words cannot express the gratitude we should all show to those who served in World War II. I wholeheartedly thank Sergeant Bollich for his service to the United States, and I congratulate him on this most recent honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Monday, November 29, 2010, I missed two recorded votes on the House floor. I ask that the record reflect that had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 581 and "yea" on rollcall 582.

IN HONOR OF DR. RUSS COLSON

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. PETERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of my distinguished constituents, Dr. Russ Colson, the 2010 Professor of the Year awarded by Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Dr. Colson was hired by Minnesota State University Moorhead in 1993 to teach geology at a school that did not have an existing geology program. In an area like the Red River Valley with its rich geologic history, a strong program was necessary and Dr. Colson worked to create a stand-out geology program at one of our nation's stand-out universities.

He has put an emphasis on experiential learning in nearly three-quarters of his classes. A self-described "science coach," Dr. Colson introduces students to geology around the globe through hands-on experiences—applying what is learned in books to the real world.

He is beloved by faculty and students alike. His students praise his teaching style for helping them develop skills necessary in the 21st century. A fellow faculty member refers to Dr. Colson as "the best."

Dr. Colson is the first professor from a Minnesota public university to receive this award but likely not the last. I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Colson, his family and the MSUM community on this impressive achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House floor on the legislative day of November 29, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 581 and 582.

CONGRATULATING MARY, MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER'S CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTER

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Mary, Mother of the Redeemer's Catholic Education Center on the momentous achievement of being designated a 2010 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer is a Catholic Parish in North Wales, Montgomery County. In 1997, the ten-year old parish saw the need for a school of its own and began laying the groundwork to establishing what would become an award winning educational center. In 2002, after years of planning and fundraising, the parish began construction and only two years later the school had an enrollment of nearly 700 students. The education center has a mission statement of recognizing the uniqueness of each student to provide a quality Catholic education.

The Blue Ribbon Program is a project of the Department of Education that identifies the best school leadership and teaching practices, setting a standard of excellence for all middle and high schools. This year, 254 public and 50 private schools were chosen for this honor. Schools are chosen based on their ability to produce students who, regardless of their backgrounds, are high performing.

Being chosen as a Blue Ribbon School designates Mary, Mother of the Redeemer as a model for other schools across the country. Of the 413 schools nationwide that can be nominated, only 50 originate with the Council for Private Education, through which Mary, Mother of the Redeemer was nominated. The school is fully committed to maintaining its five year Blue Ribbon designation and being nominated again in 2015. I am proud to represent in congress a school that is so committed to excellence that it is nationally recognized, serving as a model nationwide.

Madam Speaker, once again I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mary, Mother of the Redeemer on its momentous designation as a blue ribbon school.

RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHAUTAUQUA HALL OF BROTHERHOOD

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the centennial anniversary of the Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood, located in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

On Lake Chautauqua in western New York, the original Chautauqua Institution was founded in 1874 as a vacation school for Sunday school teachers. Chautauqua retreats gained popularity in the 1880s; in 1885, the first Florida Chautauqua program, and second in the nation, was founded and convened on the banks of Lake DeFuniak. It served as a platform for discussion of the latest thinking in politics, economics, literature, science and religion and attracted noted scholars and famous lecturers.

In 1910, the Hall of Brotherhood was completed. The Dome was dedicated to the soldiers and sailors of the Republic, and the columns on the outside of the building represent the Presidents of the United States. The expansive edifice incorporated many large meeting rooms and contained a 4,000 seat amphitheatre, fully equipped with electrical lights, dissolving color effects and foot lights for the presentation of plays and grand concerts. It was the largest Chautauqua amphitheatre in the southern United States.

As he laid the cornerstone at the dedication ceremony, General John B. Gordon remarked, "The Hall of Brotherhood tells the story. Every beam and timber, each brick and stone that shall complete its structure, from this supporting cornerstone now laid to its finished turret, will speak to coming generations of the sentiment that suggested it. American brotherhood, a reunited country, on which depends not only the life and perpetuity of the Republic, but the welfare of universal humanity, are the glorious realities which this Hall is to represent. In the name, therefore, of every state in this Union, and of our priceless freedom, invoking Heaven's blessing upon it, I dedicate this spot where the Hall of Brotherhood is to stand a holy invocation to the everlasting fraternity of the American People."

On August 7, 1972 the Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood.

CONGRATULATING DIAMOND
STANDARD ON EXCELLENCE IN
CREATING AFTER-MARKET
PARTS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Diamond Standard, a Memphis based company, for receiving an excellent rating from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) for their after-market bumpers. The IIHS, widely considered to be a leading authority on crash testing and auto safety, describes itself as "an independent, nonprofit, scientific, and educational organization dedicated to reducing the losses—deaths, injuries, and property damage—from crashes on the nation's highways." IIHS found Diamond Standard's bumpers to be equivalent to factory equipment.

Diamond Standard is truly an American company that shows the American dream is still alive and well. Owner and founder Mike O'Neal started his work in the automotive business as an employee for his father, John O'Neal, who owned a bumper re-chroming shop in West Memphis. In the 1990's, Mike saw a demand for high-end, after-market bumpers. However, Diamond Standard did not officially begin selling its product until four years ago.

Today, Diamond Standard and its sister companies have manufacturing and warehousing facilities in Ohio, Michigan, Oklahoma, Washington State, Pennsylvania, Arizona and Taiwan. Diamond Standard provides jobs for approximately 439 Americans, including 65 in Memphis.

The collision replacement industry is estimated to generate more than \$16 billion a year. Diamond Standard provides parts to nearly 15 percent of companies within this industry. Because of the tremendous work they are doing, the company is worth an estimated \$150 million a year. Mr. O'Neal has said that the Insurance Institute certification has the potential to double Diamond Standard's business in the next 24 months.

For the past 5–6 years Diamond Standard has invested about \$2 million for research and testing to prove that its parts are comparable to those that are factory-made. Their recent invention of an after-market bumper that is comparable to a factory bumper is significant because it has never been done before. This new and safe bumper has the potential to lower bumper-replacement costs for hard working Americans.

Diamond Standard has given Memphis much of which to be proud. Its investment in research and development, revolutionary innovation and operational expansion is truly emblematic of the American entrepreneurial spirit. Madam Speaker, I ask the House to join me in congratulating Diamond Standard for the excellent rating they received for their after-market bumpers and for the bright future Diamond Standard will surely have.

HONORING ADELE LICHTENBERGER, RECIPIENT OF THE AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY/NASA EARTH SCIENCE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Adele Lichtenberger, of Springfield, Va., for receiving the American Meteorological Society and NASA Earth Science Graduate Fellowship. This fellowship program is designed to encourage careers in environmental science—specifically atmospheric, oceanic and hydrological fields—for the bright young scientists. It selects promising students in their first year of graduate study who are interested in a variety of concentrations including meteorology, physics, mathematics, hydrology, oceanography, marine science, computer science and engineering. Ms. Lichtenberger received one of only thirteen fellowships from the American Meteorological Society.

Ms. Lichtenberger recently received her bachelor's degree in meteorology and physics from North Carolina State University, where she was recognized as the Outstanding Senior in Meteorology in May 2010. She has also earned the American Meteorological Society's Richard and Helen Hagemeyer Scholarship for the 2009 school year as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship for the 2008 and 2009 school years. Ms. Lichtenberger's studies were focused on cloud and aerosol physics, and she will continue this focus in her graduate studies at Colorado State University.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Adele Lichtenberger as the recipient of the AMS/NASA Earth Science Graduate Fellowship and for her commitment to her study of meteorological science.

TRIBUTE TO LUCILLE RYAN

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lucille Ryan of Brooklyn, my cousin and Godmother, on her 90th Birthday.

Lucille has spent most of her life in Brooklyn and now lives in Whiting, New Jersey with her husband, Bill. They have been married for 58 years, raising three wonderful children; and have eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They have contributed to their church and local communities in immeasurable ways.

As my Godmother, I have known Lucille for my entire life, spending many holidays at her house. Lucille always kept a warm and welcoming environment in her home, teaching me the value of hospitality and a strong family relationship from an early age. As a person of deep religious conviction, I learned how important love, understanding and tolerance truly are.

To this day, Lucille continues to bring loved ones together and teach a whole new genera-

tion the value of family. The lessons and values I have learned from her will stay with me throughout my life. I congratulate her on 90 full years and thank her for playing such a strong role in my life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, on Monday, November 29, 2010, I was unable to return to Washington, DC, in time to cast my vote for rollcall votes 581 and 582. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on both.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL HOSPICE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the month of November being designated as National Hospice Awareness Month. We may hear of hospice care from friends or colleagues that have had the unfortunate experience of placing their loved one in a hospice facility. Oftentimes, when we hear the word hospice, we think of it as a cold and uncaring place that our loved one may transition to before their final resting place. However, "hospice" care is a compassionate approach to caring for those who are faced with a life-limiting illness. It provides families with the supportive services that not only keep the patient comfortable, but educates the family and provides emotional support.

Hospice care brings together a team of specifically trained professionals and volunteers who work with the patient's doctor to provide a plan of care designed to control the pain and ease end-of-life struggles for the patient and family. The typical hospice team consists of the patient's physician and the hospice physician; registered nurses; social workers; spiritual care coordinators; bereavement counselors; dietitians; pharmacists; physical, occupational and speech therapists; home care aides; and volunteers. Some patients even benefit from having access to music, art and massage therapists as well, all of which are services provided in hospice care.

In the state of New York, there are over 20 specialized Hospice and Palliative Care facilities, three of which are in my district. If you read the testimonies from family members who have received any type of hospice service for a loved one, I believe that you would have a different outlook and better understanding of hospice care. Hospice is covered under Medicare Part A, Medicaid and private insurance. It is truly underutilized by those who would benefit the most and many hospices will not turn anyone away based on their ability to pay.

In closing, I no longer want you to think of "hospice" care as cold and uncaring, but a philosophy of services available to you and your loved one. The kind of health care services that are available round the clock; services that don't end once your loved one have

gone to their final resting place, but bereavement services that extends beyond that timeframe and as needed. Therefore, it is important for me to recognize the many organizations that provide these specialized services in a nation that is hurting from so many crises on a daily basis. I want to recognize and honor these facilities around the world.

RECOGNIZING FACETS AND “A
TASTE OF FALL”

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today to recognize FACETS, a Northern Virginia non-profit that is a leader in providing dynamic and responsive service to those suffering from poverty and homelessness. Tonight we are here for the “Taste of Fall” in support of this organization.

Founded in 1988 by Ms. Linda D. Wimpey and three Episcopal churches, FACETS works to address the needs of those living on the brink of homelessness. To successfully work towards this goal, FACETS has grown its partnerships in the community, drawing in faith organizations, businesses, individuals, and local government. In the past year, nightly meals and Sunday morning breakfasts were served by a core group of 35 faith partners and 1000 volunteers who cooked and delivered more than 42,000 meals to men, women, children who are homeless in Fairfax. With the help of an additional 400 volunteers, FACETS also provides social work services, housing, and supportive programs for individuals and families that are homeless or living in government-subsidized housing sites in Fairfax County.

FACETS approach to its quality service is in its guiding values of dignity, commitment, and integrity.

The homeless suffer from the stigmas and biases, making it difficult to navigate the challenges they face. Recognizing this shortcoming, FACETS has committed itself to treating clients with dignity and respect. Understanding without judging is important to promoting the self esteem necessary to self improvement.

Through a strong commitment to its volunteers, staff, partners, donors and clients, FACETS works to foster an atmosphere of camaraderie and teamwork in achieving their goal of ending homelessness and poverty. The caliber of work FACETS performs is a testament to the people involved in this mission.

Integrity of operations and transparency in management is critical to FACETS’ ability to maintain high quality services. FACETS holds the communities trust in its stewardship of re-

sources, and its discipline in providing the best quality service possible.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking FACETS for its work to end homelessness and poverty in Fairfax County. It is the collaboration of volunteers, donors, government, and businesses that enable FACETS to carry out its mission. You have the appreciation of the Northern Virginia community, and my personal thanks for your important service.

REMEMBERING JOHN ALVIS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, ten years ago today, our world lost a great champion for global democracy and the rule of law.

John Alvis, a close friend and constituent of mine, was murdered on November 30, 2000 in Baku, Azerbaijan where he was working for the cause most dear to his heart spreading democracy around the globe. For those of you who never had the honor to meet John, I’d like to tell you today about this 36 year old idealistic warrior for international democracy who never met a stranger.

I first got to know John when he helped guide my first campaign for Congress and in 1999, I was honored to witness first hand John’s impact around the globe as he assisted the Republic of Georgia in their transition to a democratic government. His passion to export American democratic principles was unrivaled and that lead him from his home in Texas to the former Soviet Union.

John’s young life was ended by an unknown assailant while he serving as a resident director of the International Republican Institute, training campaign workers and election officials in Azerbaijan. One of his colleagues there probably described John best as someone who “touched the lives of everyone he came in contact with.” I and members of my staff remember John for his infectious laugh, his great sense of humor, his passion for all things politics, his love for man’s best friend, his Dalmatian Jersey, and his innate ability to keep people together even in the toughest of times.

Even though it was just two weeks before John was due to return home to celebrate Christmas that he was killed, this proud Aggie lives on through the recipients of the John Alvis Memorial Scholarship at Texas A&M University who exemplify his passionate American Patriotism through their public service.

I am concerned that John’s murder remains unsolved. Madam speaker, I want to take this opportunity to impress on the Government of Azerbaijan and the FBI the necessity to continue to press to bring those responsible for this heinous act to justice.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I intended to vote “nay” on rollcall vote 584 taken on November 30, 2010. The CONGRESSIONAL RECORD currently lists me as an “aye” vote on this measure. As a fiscal conservative, I cannot support \$4.6 billion in government spending in a period of record federal deficits and budget constraints facing American families.

HONORING SERENA SUTHERS AS A
RUNNER UP IN THE 2010 “GOLD-
EN CARROT AWARDS” FOR INNO-
VATION IN SCHOOL FOOD-
SERVICE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Serena Suthers for receiving the runner-up award in the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine’s (PCRM) Golden Carrot Awards celebrating innovation in school foodservice. PCRM established The Golden Carrot Awards in 2004 to recognize exceptional efforts to improve the nutritional value of school lunches. It identifies school programs that have encouraged students to eat fresh fruits and vegetables, while also offering students plenty of healthful options.

Ms. Suthers serves as the Director of School Food and Nutrition Services for the Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS). As part of an initiative to make healthy eating habits and nutrition education fun and engaging for students, PWCS offers various events and programs to promote a healthy diet. The school system offers daily vegetarian and vegan meal options and other healthy choices such as whole grains, soymilk, brown rice, and granola bars. It also hosts tasting parties featuring a fruit or vegetable of the month and has developed a partnership with a local vendor to provide lettuce for PWCS’ salads.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Serena Suthers for receiving the PCRM’s Golden Carrot runner-up prize for her dedication to child nutrition and innovation in school foodservice. I would like to congratulate her for her achievement in creating a more healthy community for the students of Prince William County Public Schools.